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MONDAY, MAY 14TH, 1855.

GEORGE PETRIE, LL. D., VICE-PRESIDENT,
in the Chair.

EDMUND WILLIAM DAVY, Esq., M. B., was elected a Member of the Academy.

The Secretary of the Academy read the following Answer of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to the Address adopted by the Academy at the last meeting :—

“GENTLEMEN,

“I request the President, Council, and Members of the Royal Irish Academy, to accept my sincere thanks for the obliging expressions which they have addressed to me personally, as well as officially, upon my arrival in Ireland.

“I rejoice to find, that since the period of my former acquaintance with your proceedings, you have obtained a more commodious area for their future development ; I doubt not that your zeal and spirit will keep pace with your enlarged local proportions :—

‘Dignis invitans Pallada templis.’

“I believe it to be your laudable ambition so to collect, preserve, and investigate what has been bequeathed by the past, as to make it illustrate the present, and improve the future ; this is the beneficent method of making remote generations react upon each other, and rendering your contemporaries heirs to the treasures of former knowledge and wisdom, and ministers to the continual progress of Literature, Science, and Art.

“I earnestly trust that such a course will be long reserved, amidst the increasing repose and prosperity of your country, for the Royal Irish Academy.”
